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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. ON SEPT 28 MOSTLY ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN BUENOS AIRES HAD FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON KRAISELBURD KIDNAPPING CASE. THE FOUR PERSONS WHO WERE ARRESTED ON SEPT 4, 1977 AND CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING AND ALLEGED MURDER OF SUBJECT HAD ATTEMPTED ON SEP 27 TO ESCAPE FM PRISON CONFINEMENT IN LA PLATA AND WERE ALL KILLED BY PROVINCIAL POLICE. THE FOUR MEN KILLED BY POLICE WERE: RAUL CABALLERO

OSVALDO RENE SOSA, RAUL OMAR GIAGAME AND CLEOFE FRANCISCO GOMEZ. A FIFTH PERSON PRESUMABLY CONNECTED WITH KIDNAPPING OF SUBJECT NAMED VILMA AMALIA GALLARDO DE GIAGAME, WAS NOT INVOLVED IN SHOOTOUT AS SHE WAS BEING HELD SEPARATELY IN A WOMEN'S PRISON IN DISTRICT OF OLMOS NEAR LA PLATA.

2. FOUR MEN WHO DIED ON SEP. 27 WERE BEING HELD UNDER PREVENTIVE ARREST UNDER JURISDICTION OF ARGENTINE JUDGE ANGEL ELITE MARTINEZ WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF KRAISELBURD CASE. THE FOUR MEN WERE BEING HELD FOR TRIAL AFTER ALLEGEDLY CONFESSING TO KIDNAPPING AND MURDER OF SUBJECT, WHO IS 3-YEAR-OLD SON OF LA PLATA NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER RAUL KRAISELBURD.

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3. IN NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL OF BUENOS AIRES HERALD OF SEP. 28, 1977, TITLED "AN UNFINISHED CASE", EIDOTIR MENTIONED THAT WHILE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE WAS CERTAINLY AGAINST FOUR ACCUSED MEN CHARGED WITH KIDNAP-MURDER OF SUBJECT, THE FOUR MEN STILL WERE NOT AS YET LEGALLY JUDGED GUILTY OF ANYTHING-AND THEIR DEATH WHILE ATTEMPTING ESCAPE FROM JAIL WILL MAKE THE SOLUTION THIS CASE MUCH MORE COMPLEX AND RECONSTRUCTION OF EVENTS ADD LOCATION OF SUBJECT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE UNDER MORE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. THE EDITORIAL ALSO MENTIONED THAT QUOTE PUBLIC OPINION, PRONE TO FLIGHTS OF FANTASY, WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE CONVINCED THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS NOT PART OF SOME MURKY MANOEUVRE DESIGNED TO REMOVE THE FOUR ACCUSED FROM THE SCENE FOR SOME UNKNOWN PURPOSE UNQUOTE.

4. EMBASSY IS MAKING FUTHER INQUIRIES WITH ARGENTINE POLICE AND JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH COULD CONFIRM OR DESPROVE VERACITY OF STATEMENTS OF RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND WHETHER PERSON(S) STILL UNNAMED MIGHT HAVE BEEN CRIMINALLY INVOLVED IN THIS CASE, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO DISCOVER CONCLUSIVELY WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT, DAVID KRAISELBURD.

5. WHEN THIS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY DEPARTMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.
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